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SUBJ: VISIT BY LIBYAN AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL TO U.S.

REFS: TRIPOLI 202, 254, STATE 38945, 47235

1. IN ADDITION TO SUPERIOR FARMING CO., MENTIONED 47235, TEAM OF AGRICULTURE CONSULTANTS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING LIBYA, FOR 10 DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO END OF MARCH FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECTS OUTLINED, PROVISING ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT IN SUFFICIENT TIME.

2. FOLLOWING CONSULTANT TEAM COULD BE READY TO DEPART FOR LIBYA MARCH 18 IF TIME PERMITS FOR INVITATIONS, VISAS, FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER DETAILS THROUGH LIBYAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C. (A) DR. CLAUDE FLY, FT. COLLINS, COLO, BACKGROUND GIVEN IN REFTEL 38945, WILL HEAD TEAM AND REPRESENT SOIL, WATER AND CROP ASPECTS OF INITIAL STUDY.

(B) DR. M. BITTENDER, COLORADO, PROMINENT AGRI-HYDROLOGY ENGINEER WITH YEARS OF EXPERTISE IN SOIL IRRIGATION. MEMBER BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR WATER RESOURCES IN COLORADO, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND MANY ENGINEER SOCIETIES.

(C) DR. RAYMOND E. SELZER, MANHATTAN, KANSAS, WILL REPRESENT AGRI-ECONOMICS ASPECTS OF TEAM. MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION. HAS DONE FEASIBILITY STUDIES IN MANY COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE. ALL THREE TEAM MEMBERS HEAD THEIR OWN CONSULTANT FIRMS.

3. SUGGEST POST RECOMMEND TO LARG CONTACT TO HAVE LIBYAN GOVT INSTRUCT THEIR EMBASSY WASHINGTON, D.C. TO CONTACT COMMERCE PROJECT OFFICER, STANLEY HAYS, TEL. 967-2068 IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE ARRANGEMENTS. ADVISE SOONEST RE DESIRED TIMING OF ARRIVAL LIBYA FOR SUPERIOR FARMING AND CONSULTANT TEAM REPS. KISSINGER

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